

FISCAL NOTE

SB 618 - HB 1344

February 22, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a person from requiring an optometrist to purchase a minimum quantity or minimum dollar amount of a specified brand of ophthalmic materials in order to participate as a provider in a vision or health care plan. Optometrists establishing a violation, through an action filed in chancery court, may recover court costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The changes in regulations will not have a significant impact on expenditures for the Board of Optometry. The Board, by statute, is self-supporting such that revenues equal expenditures.
- Some increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenues from fees, taxes, and costs collected. However, such increases will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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